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Dear Josh,

Your letter and one from Nancy Millis arrived simultaneously, each carrying the tragic news of Bob's shocking accident. I sincerely hope that by the time this reaches you that the immediate crisis will have passed. I feel certain that he will pull through but am extremely concerned that, even if he meets this challenge for survival, the residual damage may seriously affect his career. I hope that you will keep me posted with his progress and will be grateful if you can send me the address of his parents in South Australia so that I might write to them.

This is the third cruel accident which has come to my notice of young scientists living in Madison. The first you may remember was the young Hungarian in Green's department and then the Englishman (Alan Fairweather?) from the Enzyme Institute and now Bob. To my mind these tragedies call for something more than safety belts, namely strict enforcement of speed limits (in Victoria 30 m.p.h. in built-up areas and 50 m.p.h. elsewhere), reduction in the horse power of the American cars and compulsory installation of safety appliances, belts, padded dash boards and telescopic steering wheels.

Please convey to Mari my deepest sympathy and my best wishes to yourself and Esther.

Yours sincerely,

Seb.

Will write shortly along with
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